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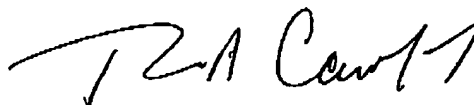
**CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8**

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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111.

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

EXTENSION OF TIME

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for a 3 months extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136.

FEEES

The fee for claims and extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	29	- 30	= 0	x \$ 18.00	= \$ 0.00
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE					\$ 0.00
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE					\$ 475.00
GRAND TOTAL					\$ 475.00

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Sir:

This is in response to an official action dated October 1, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. §102(b). The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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